

# Church Matters



The growing Benefice of All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity Ash,  
St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi and St Peter & St Paul Muchelney

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

<p><b>All Saints'</b> Martock</p> <p><b>9.30am Holy Communion</b> with Revd Paul Fillery</p> <p>SIDESMEN: Diana Healey READERS: Diana Healey &amp; Peggy Redman INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain HYMNS: 593, 595, 598, 763</p>	<p><b>Holy Trinity</b> Ash</p> <p><b>11am Morning Prayer</b> with Sally Howells</p> <p>READERS: Pat Brock &amp; Sue Stevens</p> <p><b>HYMNS: 54, 70, 305, 570</b></p>
<p><b>All Saints'</b> Martock</p> <p><b>11.15am Baptism Service</b> for Stella Alison Violet Rose</p>	<p><b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> Muchelney</p> <p><b>11am Holy Communion</b> with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans</p>

**The Collect :**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings, and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer :**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly  
in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all  
adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may  
assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**We remember those who are sick** including Richard Scrivener, Vivienne Brissett, Mavis Hook, Tracey Fillery, Nova Witcombe, Keith Snelgrove

**We remember those who have died.**

**In Memoriam:** Bernard Hardy, Mike Watts, Pam White, John Terrell, William Essex, Alan Hildred, Steve & Chris Smith, Iris Preston

**Old Testament – Romans 4 verses 1 to 5 + 13 to 17 :**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Gospel – John 3 verses 1 to 17 :**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

<sup>11</sup> ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

#### NOTICES

**The Memory Cafe** will be opening its door at the back of All Saints' in Martock this Tuesday 3 March at 10am to 11.30am. All will be made welcome. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. The cafe will be held every first Tuesday of each month.

**A Life in Bloom;** stories from a florist's journey will be held on Friday 27 March at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi with Warren Bushaway speaking about flowers, events and life! Tickets £5 each from Kingsbury Community Shop or Graham 01935 823 678 or Pat 07866 505 038.

**Easter Lilies** - All Saints' is offering the opportunity to give an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. The flower will be incorporated into the Easter flower arrangements and the name of your loved one will be displayed close to the main arrangement. Please send payment of £10, either by cheque made payable to Martock PCC, or cash to: Ann Hall, 19 Ashfield Park, Martock, by Sunday 29th March, with the name of your loved one, if desired. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity, without which we would be unable to put on such a wonderful display.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer 2026** – if you would like to increase further your prayer life, our Deanery will be publishing a series of studies and reflections based on The Lord's Prayer each month. To find the February study, please go to the church webpages and follow the link!

## Next Week

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Memory Café in All Saints', Martock
	2.00pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock
	7.00pm	Lent Group 2 : <b>Be Still</b> at 13 Matfurlong Close, Martock
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	2.30pm	Lent Group 2 : <b>Be Still</b> at 11 Beech Rd, Martock
	7.00pm	Lent Group 2 : <b>Be Still</b> at 5 Beech Rd, Martock
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	Contemplation Group in the Church Rooms, KE
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Guide Dog meeting in All Saints', Martock
	7.00pm	Lent Group 2 : <b>Be Still</b> at 5 Coat Hay Drive, Martock

*Please note the Benefice Office will be closed from Sunday 15 February to Wednesday 4 March 2026 for annual leave.*

### NEXT SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 : Lent 3

9.30am	Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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## PSALM for Holy Trinity, Ash

### Psalm 121 :

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.